

WE ASK WHO CAN SU AS ENGLAND'S NEXT

A bunch c

THE OLD war horse Dave Watson has made the England number five shirt his own with his dependable displays for his country.

But at 33 years old the rugged Southampton defender is nearing the end of his highly successful run and England manager Ron Greenwood has already started his search for a likely replacement.

With the World Cup Finals in Spain looming on the horizon Ron is ready to blood another young defender to take over from the 'old warrior'.

Favourite for the job must be Ipswich Town's classy 21-year-old Terry Butcher who has impressed everyone this season. But waiting in the wings and pushing

their claims are Birmingham City skipper Joe Gallagher, Coventry's promising Paul Dyson, and Tommy Caton of Manchester City

Match Weekly names six of the top contenders for the job and rates their chances of taking over the role Dave has done so well.

As well as our top six don't forget the claims of Everton duo Mick Lyons and Billy Wright, Paul Hart (Leeds), Billy Gilbert (Crystal Palace) or Steve Foster (Brighton).

Who would you like to see in the England

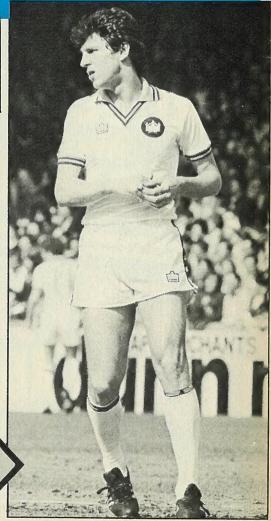
Who would you like to see in the England number five shirt? Write with your views to: England number five, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.

NAME: Joe Gallagher. TEAM: Birmingham City. BIRTHDATE: January 11, 1955. HEIGHT: 6ft 2ins. WEIGHT: 11st 3lb. MATCH WEEKLY ODDS: 8-1.

NAME: Larry May.
TEAM: Leicester City.
BIRTHDATE: December 26, 1958.
HEIGHT: 6ft lins.
WEIGHT: 12st 4½lb.
MATCH WEEKLY ODDS: 20-1.



SEE how your favourite number five played on Saturday by turning to our exclusive Match Facts section later in the magazine. NAME: Alvin Martin. TEAM: West Ham United. BIRTHDATE: July 29, 1958. HEIGHT: 6ft lins. WEIGHT: 13st. MATCH WEEKLY ODDS: 20-1.



CCEED THIS MAN CENTRE BACK?

of fives!



NAME: Terry Butcher. TEAM: Ipswich Town. BIRTHDATE: December 28, 1958. HEIGHT: 6ft 4ins. WEIGHT: 14st. MATCH WEEKLY ODDS: Evens. DAVE WATSON FACTFILE

NAME: Dave Watson.
TEAM: Southampton.
1946.
HEIGHT: 5ft 11½ins.
WEIGHT: 11st 71bs.
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INTERNATIONAL
APPEARANCES: 58 caps (4
goals).
INTERNATIONAL DEBUT:
1974 v Portugal, in Lisbon,
drew 0-0.

NAME: Tommy Caton.
TEAM: Manchester City.
BIRTHDATE: October 6, 1958.
HEIGHT: 6ft 1½ins.
WEIGHT: 12st 9lb.
MATCH WEEKLY ODDS: 10-1.





NAME: Paul Dyson.
TEAM: Coventry City.
BIRTHDATE: December 20, 1959.
HEIGHT: 6ft 2ins.
WEIGHT: 13st 7lb.
MATCH WEEKLY ODDS: 3-1.

PLACE THE PRIZE GUY!



PLACE the face is one of my favourite items in the popular BBC television series A Question of Sport.

And that's what I want you to do this week by telling me who the player is in the picture below.

Get it correct and you could win one of five 'Question of Sport' annuals I'm giving away to the first correct answers from the total postbag.

All I want you to do is identify this player and write his name on a postcard or envelope, together with your name and address, and send it to Place the Face, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough PE1 1UB by first post on December 19.

And here's a clue: He's a regular at the Palace.

Chariton Athletic would like to know if any other club can equal their own cosmopolitan record. They've actually had players from NINE overseas countries, and now have a director from a tenth! He's Niels Madsen, who, besides being on the Charlton board, is chairman of Swedish club Hyidovre

Just call me Thimbles . .

GREG Downs, the Norwich defender, is a dab hand with a needle and cotton.

In fact, he's so nimble-fingered he's earned the nickname "Thimbles" among his team mater

"Thimbles" among his team mates for a quick job on Justin Fashanu's trousers.

As Norwich travelled to the Potteries for a recent First Division game, Justin realised his new double-breasted suit he had collected just before he boarded the team bus was not quite the fit he wanted — the trousers were so short they almost showed his kneecaps!

There were no tailors to hand on arrival in Stoke so 'Thimbles' and his assistant, winger Clive Woods, set to work. They lowered, restitched and ironed Justin's trousers in record time.



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Compiled by Bob Warters

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Cup Final grandads?

THE SEARCH is on to find the oldest surviving player to have appeared in an FA Cup Final.

So if you have a grandad who appeared in a Cup Final many years ago — get him to contact the Football Association at 16 Lancaster Gate, London W23LW.

The FA are also contacting every player who has captained a winning Cup side as part of their plans to celebrate the 100th year of the world's most glamorous football club competition.

A special crest and symbol (pictured) has also been created to celebrate this year's tournament.



Aston thriller!

ASTON Villa landed the season's first trophy when led by Kenny Swain they took the national five-a-side title at the Wembley arena.

Sponsored by the Daily Express, the event attracted 16 top teams, but it was the night's most polished performers, Villa and Chelsea, who stormed through to a thrilling climax to this non-stop football feast.

Earlier the biggest cheers of the night had greeted Manchester United's arrival, the biggest boos for Brighton's defensive tactics, the biggest laughter for the exit of Nottingham Forest's star studded side and the loudest whistles for appearances of an all-girls match, quickly stifled when several thousand spectators suddenly realised that the women aren't so bad after all!

Having demolished Arsenal's youthful side 7-1, Villa went on to

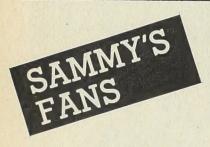
topple Chelsea, much to the disappointment of the London audience.

Results: First Round: Aberdeen 0, Manchester United 3 (Sloan 2. McGarvey), Aston Villa 2 (Evans, Swain) Spurs 0, QPR 1 (King) Nottingham Forest 0, Arsenal 2 (Davis, Vaessen), Coventry 0, Chelsea 4 (Walker 2, Fillery, Chivers) Ipswich 1 (Parkin), Sunderland 2 (Marangoni, Rowell) Crystal Palace 2 (Hinshelwood, Hilaire) — Sunderland won on penalties. West Brom 1 (Owen), Newcastle 2 (Shoulder 2), Manchester City 1 (Power) Brighton 0. Second Round: Manchester United 0 Aston Villa 2 (Swain, Withe), QPR 0 Arsenal 2 (Davis, Vaessen), Chelsea 2 (Fillery 2) Sunderland 1 (Marangoni); Newcastle 1 (Shoulder) Manchester City 1 (Reid) - Newcastle won on

Semi-finals: Aston Villa 7 (Withe 2, Evans, Bremner 3, Swain) Arsenal 1 (Davis), Chelsea 5 (Walker 3, Britton 2) Newcastie 3 (Waddle 2, Martin), Final: Aston Villa 3 (Evans, Swain 2) Chelsea 0







BUBBLING over with admiration for Arsenal stalwart Sammy Nelson were a group of supporters standing on Highbury's North Bank.

For they clubbed together to buy the left back a bottle of champagne to mark his testimonial game against Celtic.

Quids-in

NOTTS COUNTY'S Rachid Harkouk (right) was quids-in when he put his team one up in the recent top of the Second Division clash against Chelsea.

For as Rachid was warming up along the touchline before coming on as a replacement for lan McCulloch, he found a £1 note beside the pitch.

Less than two minutes later the former Queens Park Rangers forward had scored with the note firmly wrapped round his finger. But, as soon as he put the cash into the back pocket of his shorts, John Bumstead dived in for the equaliser!



Above: The victorious Aston Villa side with the awards: Standing (from left to right) Noel Blake, Kenny Swain, Allan Evans, Des Bremner. Front: Kevin Poole and Peter Withe.

Left: Skipper Kenny Swain cracks home a final goal past Chelsea's Clive Walker and Bob Iles.

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Saints school double

THERE WAS a double celebration at Prices College School in Fareham, Hants, when Southampton gave 20-year-old Wayne Pratt his League debut in the match against Leads recently.

his League debut in the match against Leeds recently.

For midfielder Wayne and rising star Steve Moran both went to the school and both played in the 2-1 win over relegation troubled Leeds.

The pair are the first pupils from the school to make the grade in professional football.

Wayne left school at 16 and joined Southampton while Steve completed his A level studies before rejoining his school-mate at the

FLASHBACK

Where was your favourite team on . .

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ENGLISH LEAGUE

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Tottenham	20	8	1	1	25	14	3	2	5	12	16	25
West Ham	21	7	3.	1	25	16	3	2	5	21	25	25
Sheff Wed	21	6	3	1	24	13	4	0	7	16	16	23
Aston Villa	20	7	1	2	22	11	2	3	5	11	17	22
Leicester	21	6	0	4	16	12	3	3	5	20	22	21
Arsenal	21	5	4	1	23	14	2	3	6	13	23	21
Blackpool	21	4	3	4	19	17	3	4	3	16	19	21
Wolves	21	5	3	2	21	15	3	1	7	15	19	20
Bolton W	21	5	3	2	17	13	3	1	7	14	18	20
Fulham	21	4	1	5	17	17	3	4	4	17	19	19
Cardiff C	21	3	5	3	18	18	3	2	5	10	16	19
Sheff Utd	20	7	2	2	18	14	1	1	7	8	24	19
West Brom	21	4	4	3	20	14	1	4	5	18	26	18
Blackb'rn R	20	5	4	2	19	12	1	2	6	7	19	18
Nottm F	21	5	3	2	18	12	1	3	7	12	26	18
Birm'gham	21	5	. 2	4	23	25	2	2	6	11	21	18
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Sunderland	21	8	1	1	30	12	2	4	5	14	21	25
Derby C	21	6	3	1	24	14	4	2	5	21	26	25
Rotherham	20	5	4	0	23	13	4	2	5	22	28	24
Southampton	21	5	3	3	21	11	4	2	4	18	17	23
Luton	21	6	1	3	27	20	4	2	5	19	17	23
Scunthorpe	20	7	2	1	33	15	2	2	6	13	24	22
Huddersf'ld	21	6	3	1	21	9	2	3	6	14	22	22
Norwich	21	7	2	2	25	19	1	4	5	8	20	22
Stoke City	21	7	2	2	23	11	0	4	6	10	20	20
Plymouth	21	5	2	3	21	17	3	2	6	14	26	20
Swansea	21	6	3	1	19	13	8	5	6	14	35	20
Newcastle	20	5	4	2	24	12	2	1	6	12	14	19
Walsall	20	5	4	2	21	14	2	1	6	13	23	19
Bury	20	5	2	3	18	18	3	0	7	7	23	18
Brighton	21	-3	5	3	13	14	2	3	5	13	30	18
Leeds	20	4	3	3	13	10	2	2	6	14	24	17
Middlesbro	20	5	2	4	21	18	1	2	6	13	19	16
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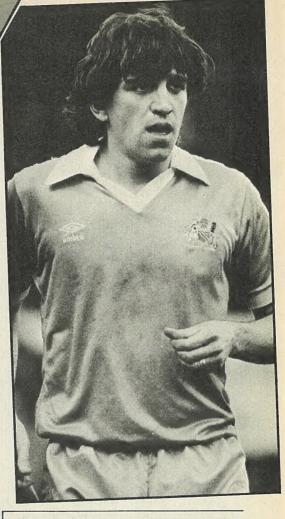
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Portsmouth	21	8	4	0	22	10	5	1	. 3	14	10	31
Reading	22	7	1	2	20	12	7	0	5	23	25	25
Peterboro	22	7	0	4	29	23	6	2	3	26	25	28
Bristol City	23	7	1	3	21	11	5	2	5	19	22	27
QPR	21	7	2	3	35	21	3	4	2	15	12	26
Crystal Pal	23	5	3	4	28	22	5	3	3	20	12	28
Northampton	23	4	4	3	27	13	6	1	5	21	15	25
Watford	23	6	5	1	23	16	3	2	6	16	24	25
Grimsby	22	7	2	2	20	9	3	2	6	12	25	24
Bradford	22	7	2	2	25	13	3	1	7	18	26	23
Shrewsbury	23	5	4	3	31	23	3	3	5	12	18	23
Port Vale	23	6	2	3	18	10	2	4	6	12	20	22
Hull City	20	6	0	3	16	7	2	5	4	13	15	21
Coventry C	22	6	3	2	20	12	1	4	6	10	23	21
Notts Co	20	7	3	1	24	10	0	2	7	12	24	19
Halifax	- 19	4	3	1	13	9	3	2	6	16	23	15
Southend U	23	5	2	4	16	14	1	5	6	12	20	15
Barnsley	22	5	2	4	28	23	2	2	7	15	30	18
Swindon T	23	3	7	2	19	14	2	1	B	15	31	18
Lincoln	21	3	2	5	14	19	2	3	6	16	24	15
Torquay	21	3	1	8	25	29	2	2	5	11	20	13
Brentford	22	5	2	3	14	11	0	1	11	6	37	13
Newport	23	2	1	8	16	23	1	3	8	11	33	10

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Millwall	22	7	2	2	24	10	4	3	4	17	22	27
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York	22	8	1	2	27	9	1	4	6	11	20	23
Crewe Alex	22	7	2	2	26	14	3	1	7	15	21	23
Barrow	22	6	4	1	25	11	2	3	6	11	23	23
Mansfield	20	6	1	3	19	8	3	3	4	12	18	22
Oldham	21	4	6	1	27	16	3	1	6	13	19	21
Darlington	21	6	3	1	16	7	2	2	7		32	21
Exeter	22	5	2	3	19	14	2	4	6	13	22	20
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ı	Raith Rov.	14	1	3	3	8	9	2	0	5	16	23	9
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SCOTS - DIV. II			HO	ME	1/y				1	W	Y	
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Dumbarton	17	3	2	4	17	18	1	2	5	10	20	12
Stenh'sm'r	17	3	2	3	20	18	2	0	7	11	28	12
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Euro key to my future

MY CONTRACT with Tottenham Hotspur runs out at the end of the season but I have made no firm plans as to my future.

There is a 50-50 chance that I might go abroad — a great deal depends on how Spurs get on this season.

If we win a cup or qualify for a place in Europe then there's a good chance that I will stay at White Hart Lane — but I am not making up my mind until the end of the season.

Î have spoken to Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw and he knows the position.

At the moment I am very happy at Spurs and believe that we can win something this season.

I am very much in favour of players going abroad to play — as long as we are allowed to have foreigners over here.

It is very much down to the individual. If he wants the security of a lucrative contract and the experience of playing abroad then good luck to him.

It's a tremendous challenge to go over there and I would not be scared of going.

LEFT: Saturday's match against Manchester City at White Hart Lane will give me a chance to meet up with England colleague Kevin Reeves.

The Spurs and England goal-maker and goal-scorer writes exclusively for MATCH WEEKLY readers.

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Forest need time —and Trevor!

OUR SURPRISE 3-0 win at Nottingham Forest was Spurs' best result of the season.

It was particularly pleasing because we turned in a complete performance — each department played well and we deserved our win which completed a rare double over the European champions.

But I am not one of those who think Nottingham Forest are on the slide — a team of their calibre does not go from brilliant to bad in such a short space of time.

They were playing with lan Wallace and new signing Peter Ward up front and it takes time for the players to get used to each other.

I know Peter Ward very well and he is a brilliant individual player — but there is no way you can guarantee that the pair will form a devastating strike force.

But Forest will have the last laugh because they still have an ace up their sleeve . . . Trevor Francis.

The team is bound to be improved when a player of his skill is added to the line-up.

Sweeper's not for me

A COMMENT by England and Arsenal coach Don Howe that my best role for England would be as a sweeper in the Beckenbauer mould surprised me.

It's not a role I would fancy and I enjoy the involvement of midfield.

Perhaps when I get older and my legs start to go I will consider the move but at the moment I am happy where I am.

Don said he could see the England midfield comprising of West Bromwich Albion trio Gary Owen, Remi Moses and Bryan Robson and me playing sweeper.

I can't really see that and hope it doesn't happen.

We aim to halt City climb

THE VISIT of Manchester City to White Hart Lane always produces a good game and I am sure that Saturday's match will be no exception.

City have been playing a lot better since John Bond took over and this has been reflected in their steady climb away from the First Division relegation area.

I shall be hoping for a repeat of last season's fixture here — we won 2-1 and I scored.

But City will be no easy meat — a team that has recently acquired a new manager is always difficult to beat because every player is trying to impress the new boss.

The game also gives me a chance to meet up with England team-mates Joe Corrigan and Kevin Reeves. No doubt I shall get a chance to say 'hello' over a drink in the players' lounge after the match.

We have a tough game the following Saturday — Middlesbrough at Ayresome Park

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Which team knocked Manchester United out

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Above: Nicola Moffat (16) and her sister Alison (14) of Hornchurch, Essex, have drawn the whole West Ham team. We selected this one of bearded Frank Lampard by Nicola, which she says is one of her best ones. We'll publish one of Alison's drawings next week.



Above: This picture of Trevor Brooking wearing his England blazer wins £2 for young artist Daren Pratt, aged 10, of Clayton, Manchester. "I drew Trevor because he was the scorer of the winning FA Cup goal for West Ham against Arsenal," wrote Daren.

Below: Catherine Derrick (15), of Retford, Notts, did this super sketch of Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey. "Gary and Steve Coppell are my favourite players and it's great to be able to read their columns in Match," said Catherine.



Altrincham can do it again!

ALTRINCHAM may be the only soccer minnows to reach the shark infested waters of the FA Cup third round.

They must first overcome second-round opponents Scunthorpe of course, who despite their lowly Fourth Division status may yet prove too strong.

But Altrincham have done it before . . . in season 1974-75 when they held Scunthorpe to a 1-1 draw at the Old Show Ground and beat them 3-1 in a replay.

The Alliance Premier League side certainly have the cup experience—having reached the third round five times.

And they are bang on form as leaders of their League.

Scunthorpe meanwhile proved me wrong in the first round when they toppled high-flying Hartlepool to break a run of seven consecutive FA Cup tie defeats.

Now they have a chance to do it again . . . Altrincham to win after a replay!

Of the other non-League teams in action against League opposition on Saturday, Isthmian League Enfield appear to have the best chance of pulling off a shock result.

They meet Fourth Division stragglers Hereford on their own ground.

But Hereford themselves were responsible for arguably the best performance of the first round with their 1-0 away victory over table-topping Southend. And they should be good enough for victory again.

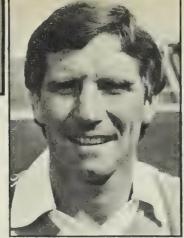
Mossley — heroic victors over Fourth
Division Crewe in the last round — have
been rewarded with a home tie against
Mansfield and may be on another
winner. But I fancy Mansfield to go
through.



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FA CUP SPECIAL





Blackpool player-manager and former England star Alan Bali (left) who takes his side to meet Billy Bremner's Doncaster in the next round. One player for Doncaster to watch on Saturday is Dave Hockaday (right), who scored twice in Blackpool's 4-0 win over Fleetwood in the last round.

Beat Paul's Predictions Saturday, December 13

Here are my ten predicted scorelines for Saturday. There's a space for your forecasts, one for dad and a column for the actual results.

You get two points for every score you get right and one point if you get a result right (i.e home, away or draw) but the scoreline wrong.

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Match	My forecast	Your forecast	Dad's forecast	RESULT
Colchester v Yeovil	3-0		;	
Wimbledon ▼ Swindon	1-2			
Plymouth v Oxford	2-1			
Charlton v Bournemouth	4-1			
Bury v Lincoln	0-2			
Rotherham v Barnsley	2-2			
Burnley v Port Vale	4-0			
Doncaster v Blackpool	1-2			
Scunthorpe v Altrincham	0-0			
Mossley v Mansfield	1-2			

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Ball v Bremner

DONCASTER'S second round FA Cup tie with Blackpool will be played with all the passion of an England-Scotland international....if Alan Ball and Billy Bremner have anything to do with it.

Alan, who won 72 caps for England, is now player-manager at Third Division Blackpool.

And Billy (54 caps for Scotland) is manager — and occasionally still player — at Fourth Division Doncaster.

It's certainly a confrontation to look forward to especially if fiery Billy decides to play.

The two sides have met once before in the FA Cup. That was in season 1949-50 (fourth round) when Blackpool won 2-1. I'm going for the same result this time.

FORMER Leeds hard-man Norman Hunter has a score to settle with Rotherham boss lan Porterfield when they meet on Saturday.

For it was lan who scored Sunderland's winning goal against Leeds in the 1972-73 FA Cup final!

But as Barnsley's boss, Norman will be talking not tackling when he takes his team to face Rotherham in the Second Round of this season's competition.

Rotherham have already beaten Barnsley 2-0 in the League this season, but I'm going for a draw on Saturday.



Doncaster manager Billy Bremner in action for his club . . . faces Alan Ball again on Saturday.

Battle of the giantkillers

COLCHESTER United were responsible for one of the biggest single upsets in cup history when they put out First Division Leeds in 1971.

And in Yeovil they face one of the most famous non-League giantkilling teams the competition has known.

Their one and only previous meeting in the FA Cup was 20 years ago. It was an amazing tie. Yeovil held Colchester 1-1 at Layer Road only

to go down 7-1 in the replay!
The mid-table Division three side shouldn't need two games this time.

LEFT: Colchester United's Ian Allinson — scored one of the goals in his side's 3-0 victory over Portsmouth in the first round.

SO MUCH for my first round giantkillers—
Harlow and Wycombe Wanderers!
Sadly both went down to League
opposition on their home grounds.
Oddly enough however their respective
victors—Charlton and Bournemouth—
meet on Saturday in the second round.
They've met once before in the
competition, in season 1973-74 when
Bournemouth came out 1-0 winners.
Charlton look good to even up the
honours this time around.

BURY v Lincoln: Met once before in the FA Cup. First Round, season 1971-72. Bury won 2-1.

BURNLEY v PORT VALE: Three previous meetings in the FA Cup. In 1897-98 (second round) Burnley won 2-0. In 1949-50 (fourth round) Burnley won 2-1. In 1976-77 (fourth round again) Port Vale won 2-1.

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Liverpool, Manchester City, and West Ham march on as Coventry hold Watford.

Above:

It's that man Kenny Dalglish again setting Liverpool off on the road to their second successive League Cup semi-final, with a goal in the 24th minute against Birmingham.

Take that! Wealands and Curbishley are stunned as Dalglish wheels away in delight after scoring in the 2-1 League Cup quarter-final victory.



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Top: Signed from Spurs, Gerry Armstrong (second right) scrambles in Watford's second, but two goals from Garry Thompson earned Coventry their replay.

Above: Malcolm Poskett sets the Watford fans alight as he squeezes his shot between Coventry's Andy Blair and Paul Dyson in the 21st minute.

Above right: David Cross... who celebrated with the goal for West Ham that sent Spurs spinning out of the cup.

Right: King Henry . . . the second! Recalled back into the Manchester City side, Tony Henry leaps above West Brom's Gary Owen (10), Martyn Bennett and John Trewick (3) to head City's 2-1 winner as new signing Phil Boyer and Albion's Bryan Robson look on.





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Craig Johnston worthy winner of the title: 'Most consistent player in the First Division during November.'





Craig's the

MIDDLESBROUGH midfielder Craig Johnston
— in only his second season as a regular first
team player — is Match Weekly's First
Division Matchman of the Month for
November.

And he won the award in real style as Middlesbrough's star man in no less than three of their four matches during the month. The England Under-21 international

The England Under-21 international completed the November programme with an incredible average mark of 8.5 — the best so far this season.

For the second month running Dutch master Frans Thijssen had to make do with runner-up spot.

Frans' Ipswich team mate and skipper Mick Mills was also in the reckoning, confirming the team's good form this season.

But Mick was pushed into fourth spot by Spurs' costliest player. Steve Archibald who despite playing seven games during the month still averaged 7.71.

And it's so easy to see why Crystal Palace don't want to lose unsettled star Gerry Francis who despite playing in a struggling side took fifth spot.



Ronnie romps it!

BARNSLEY'S Ronnie Glavin wins the Third Division title for November to add to his third place in the August Matchman of the Month race.

Ronnie played less games than his rivals, but his 7.75 average was clearly the best of the bunch.

7.75 average was clearly the best of the bunch.
Paul Haigh of Carlisle just pushed Ronnie's team
mate Trevor Aylott into third spot.

Ronnie Glavin Paul Haigh	Barnsley Carlisle	4 5	7.75
Trevor Aylott	Bamsley	7	7.57
Neil Webb Danny Wilson	Reading Chesterfield	8	7.4 7.37

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Hats off to striker Stein

Hats off to Luton striker Brian Stein who takes the Second Division award . . . but it couldn't have been a closer fought contest.

The top four players all finished with the same average at the end of the month, but Brian pinched it by virtue of his greater consistency over six matches.

Runner-up for the second time running is Alan Devonshire of West Ham. He played the same number of games as Brian and had the same number of star ratings (three), but a mark of six in the first game of the month let him down

Brian Stein	Luton	6	7.66
Alan Devonshire	West Ham	6	7.66
Don Masson	Notts County	3.	7.66
Phillip Wilson	Bolton	3	7.66
Terry Hibbitt	Newcastle	5	7.6

Left: Top Hatter — that's Luton's Brian Stein



Above: Barnsley's Ronnie Glavin — top man in the Third Division



Below: A smile that says 'I'm a winner' from Morton's Andy Ritchie. ANNOUNCING Match Weekly's Matchmen of the Month awards for November.

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Mick Harford — winner of the Fourth Division title for the second time this term.

Mr Consistent

LINCOLN goalgetter Mick Harford finished the Fourth Division's Mr Consistent for the second time this season — beating off the challenge of two other past winners, Bobby Kerr of Hartlepool and Steve Phillips (Northampton).

Mick's closest rival however was Wimbledon midfielder Steve Galliers and he in turn was pushed hard by Stockport's Oshor Williams.

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ANDY Ritchie of Morton and Airdrie's Willie McGuire were involved in a rare old tussle for the Scottish Premier title.

Both played the same number of games, both collected one star rating and their average marks were equal.

But Andy gets the vote by virtue of the fact that Willie's last game of the month was as substitute.

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Player	Club	Games	Ave	
Andy Ritchie	Morton	3	7.33	
Willie McGuire	Airdrie	3	7.33	
Alan Rough	Partick	4	7.25	
Eamon Bannon	Dundee U.	5	7.2	
Tommy Burns	Celtic	5	7.2	



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Transfer fees are out of hand

IT WAS a great honour to be elected to the management committee of the Professional Footballers Association.

Although I couldn't go to the meeting in Manchester when I was voted in — I was on duty with the England party in London — it was a privilege to be picked to represent not only my own club but others throughout the professional game.

Since Stuart Houston left to join Sheffield United I've been the United delegate on the PFA and have always had close links with Cliff Lloyd, the secretary, who persuaded me to stand for election.

Now I'm no Arthur Scargill — dad will tell you who he is! — but I'm really looking forward to our first meeting in January where I'll be able to add my views to those of the other committeemen who include Alan Gowling (Bolton), Bob Latchford (Everton), Paul Hart (Leeds), and John Hollins (Arsenal).

The PFA is keen to hold summit talks with the Football Association and Football League on the future of the game and one talking point is certain to be transfers.

I believe that transfer fees have got out of hand and personally I'll be keen for the powers that be to introduce a scale whereby a player's fee is based on his earnings, the club he's going to and coming from, and his experience at club and international level.

In Germany they operate a scheme like this where even a £200,000 transfer is rare — and their game is in a far healthier

Tougher to play at home

I NEVER thought it would happen, but it seems home games are becoming tougher than away games.

Every time we step out at Old Trafford it's like a cup-tie — the tension in the dressing room is incredible.

We desperately want to do well in front of our home fans but for some reason we are unable to shake off the shackles like we did against Leicester and go out there and play.

Even though Joe Jordan forced a last minute crack in Southampton's defence for our last home draw, I could tell as I lay in the bath afterwards that the atmosphere in the dressing room and outside among the

'fans wasn't right.

Stoke City, past masters at the defensive game, will come to Old Trafford on Saturday confident that they can extend our uncomfortable run at home.

But that kind of attitude might be just the spark we need to set us off on the rampage, and a confidence boost before three of the hardest Christmas games a team could face.

First there's Arsenal, away, on December 20 and another battle with my England mate Kenny Sansom . . . then Liverpool come to wish us seasonal greetings at Old Trafford, before we set off down the M6 in a bid to turn Ron Atkinson's champagne flat at West Brom.



Former
Manchester
United favourite
Gordon Hill —
'one of the finest
instinct players
I've seen,' says
Steve Coppell.

STEVE COPPELL

Pele had us spell-bound on the bus!

Right: Pele . . . breathtaking displays for Brazil.

ON THE way to Brighton recently we were able to enjoy 90 minutes of pure Pele magic on the video screen we have set up on the team coach.

He had everyone spellbound with his incredible skill as the film traced his life from a 17-year-old winning the World Cup with Brazil in 1958 to his retirement.

Some of it must have rubbed off because the next day we produced probably our best away form of the season to beat Brighton 4-1. Pele possessed breathtaking ability but my own personal favourite is still George

George Best . . . in a class of his own, says Coppell



Rest

Like Pele, George played by instinct. Sure he had problems in his private life, but on the football field where he didn't have to explain himself he was in a class of his own.

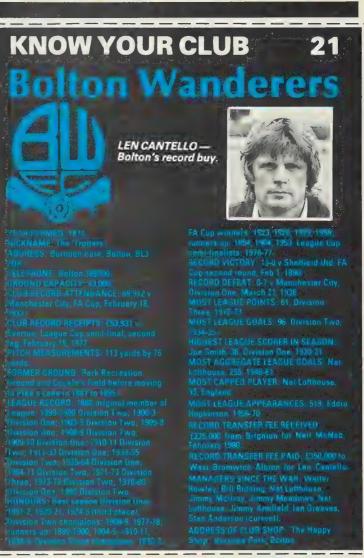
Gordon Hill, who is now with Queen's Park Rangers after a spell with Derby County, was another instinct player.

He'd score incredible goals using pure instinct, but ask him to think about a situation to fit into a team pattern and invariably he couldn't do it half

Many's the time I have seen young kids come for trials with United but have been too scared to express themselves.

Instinct it seems is not encouraged in young players today, they're having it coached out of them.

I'm all for discipline on the field, but my advice to coaches is make sure you make coaching fun, too.



FULL NAME: Arthur Richard Albiston BIRTHPLACEDATE: Edinburgh, July 14, 1957 HEIGHTWEIGHT: 547 725 ins. 10st 81bs MARRIED: Yes, to Elatino CHILDREN: Ross of months) CAR. Alia Romeo GTV PREVIOUS CLUB: None. Joined United from school NICKNAME. Chips WORST FYER MUHY: Cartiloge FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Glenn Hoddle— great all tound ability FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM. Hearts FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM. Hearts FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM. Banks: McGrain, O'Leary. Moore, Goesn't look to have a weakness BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM. Banks: McGrain, O'Leary. Moore, Cooper Bell, Bremner, Brady. Best, Low, Daiglish ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XL. Banks: Edigland), McGrain (Scotland), Mandona (Agentina). Best (N. Ireland), Pele (Brazil). Law (Scotland), Muller W. Germany, GROUND: Highbury FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Parc des Pinnoes, Paris BEST GOAL SCORED: Haven't scored it yet! BEST GOAL SCEEN SCORED: Terry McDermott's shot v Spurs in the FA Cup last season



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Monday, Dec. 1 FA Cup

First Round, replay

CARLISLE (2) 4 (Brown 14, 34, Beardsley 60, 64)
WORKINGTON (0) 1 (Gill 61) Att: 5.356 Carlisle: Harrison 7, Collins 6, Haigh Cartisle: Harrison 7, Collins 6, Haigh 6, MacDonald 6, Coady 7, Parker 6, *COUGHLIN 8, Metcalfe 5, Brown 7, Beardsley 7, Staniforth 7. Workington: Fisher 7, Kisby 7, Rosethorn 6, Reach 6, Roberts 5, Hill 5, Handley 6, Smith 7, Gill 7, *DARLING 8 (sub. Diamond 6), Armstron 6 Armstrong 6. Referee: M. Peck (Kendall) Match Rating: ★★★★

First Round, second replay

MAIDSTONE (0) 3 (Woon 57, 87, Newson, pen 59) KETTERING (0) 1 (Middleton 70) At: 3,098
Maidstone: Guy 7, Thompson 7,
Kinnear 6, Hill 7, Hutton 7,
Hamberger 7, Daubney 6, Ovard 7,
*WOON 8, Aitken 7, Newson 6.
Kettering: Walters 6, Duggan 7,
Easthall 6, Pownall 6 (sub. Middleton 7), Suddard 7, Haverson 7, Pitts 6,
Hosbaeur 6, Guy, C 6, *MARTIN 8,
Flannagan 7.
Referee: D. V. Reeves (Uxbridge) Match Rating: ★★★

Tuesday, Dec. 2

League Cup Quarter-Final

LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Dalglish 24, McDermott 67, Johnson 83) BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Bertschin 38) Att: 30,236 Liverpool: Clemence 8, Neal 7, Kennedy, A 7, Irwin 7, Kennedy, R 8, Hansen 8, Dalglish 8, *LEE 9, Johnson 8, McDermott 8, Souness 7. Birmingham: Wealands 8, Langan 7, Hawker 8, Curbishley 8, *GALLAGHER 9, Todd 8, Ainscow 7 (sub. Givens), Bertschin 8, Lynex 7, Gemmill 8, Dillon 8. Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate) Match Rating: ★★★★

WATFORD (2) 2 (Poskett 21, Armstrong 25) COVENTRY (2) 2 (Thompson 14, 39) Mtf. 27,542
Watford: Steele 7, Rice 6, Sims 7,
Jackett 6, Harrison 7, Blissett 8, Train
8, Rostron 7, ★POSKETT 9,
Armstrong 8, Jenkins 7.
Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 8, Dyson
7, Gillespie 6, Roberts 7, Blair 6, Daly



JOHN RICHARDS made sure of a point for Wolves at Highbury with a first-half equaliser in their 1-1 draw with Arsenal.

Bodak 7, ★THOMPSON 9, Hateley 7, Bodak 7 8. Hunt 8. Referee: L. Shapter (Torquay) Match Rating: ★★★★

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Cross 82) TOTTENHAM (0) 0 Att: 36,235 West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Lampard 8, Bonds 7, Martin 7, ★DEVONSHIRE 9, Holland 7, Goddard 7, Cross 7, Brooking 7, Pike

7.

Spurs: *DAINES 9, McAllister 6, Hughton 7, Yorath 6, Lacy 6, Perryman 8, Ardiles 7, Archibald 7, Villa 7, Hoddle 7, Crooks 7.

Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)

Match Rating: ****

Division Two

PRESTON (1) 2 (Elliott, pen 25, Baxter 70) GRIMSBY (2) 4 (Cumming 1, Ford 44, Brolly 55, 65) Att: 5,289

Preston: Tunks 7, Westwell 6, Cameron 6, Burns 6, Baxter 7, Blackley 7 (sub. Naughton 5), Bell 6, *TAYLOR 8, Elliott 6, Bruce 7, McGhee 7 Grimsby: Batch 8, Stone 7, Crombie 7, Waters 8, Wiggington 7, Moore 7,

*BROLLY 9, Ford 8, Drinkell 7,

Mitchell 8, Cumming 8 (sub. Kilmore).

Referee: A. Säunders (Newcastle)

Match Rating: ***

Division Three

BURNLEY (0) 0 BARNSLEY (0) 1 (Banks 60) Att: 9,094 Burnley: Stevenson 6, ★LAWS 8, Burnley: Stevenson 6, *LAWS 8,
Wharton 7, Scott 5, Overson 6,
Dobson 6, Young 7, Potts 5, Hamilton
4, Taylor 5, Cavener 5.
Barnsley: Pierce 6, Joyce 7,
Chambers 6, Cooper 6, Banks 8,
*McCARTHY 9, Evans 7, Parker 7,
Aylott 8, Lester 6, Downes 6.
Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: *** Match Rating: ★★★



Wednesday, Dec. 3

League Cup Quarter-Final

MANCHESTER CITY (1) 2 (Reeves 11, Henry 60) WBA (1) 1 (Booth, og 4) Att: 35,011 Att: 35,011

Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 7,
Power 6, *REID 8, Booth 7, Henry 7,
Tueart 6, Bennett, D 6, Mackenzie 7,
Boyer 7, Reeves 7,
WBA: Godden 6, Batson 6, Trewick 7,
Moses 7, Wile 7, Bennett, M 6,
*ROBSON 8, Brown, A 7, Regis 7, Owen 7, Barnes 7, Referee: D. T. Richardson (Lincoln) Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

CHESTER (0) 1 (Sutcliffe 48) NEWPORT (1) 1 (Lowndes 8) Att: 1,640 Chester: Millington 5, Jeffries 5, Chester: Millington 5, Jeffries 5, Walker 6, Storton 6, Cottam 4 (sub. Sutcliffe 7), Oakes 6, Fear 7, Phillips 6, Birch 5, *LUDLAM 8, Burns 5. Newport: Kendall 6, Walden 5 (sub. Vaughan 5), Relish 6, Davies 7, Oakes 6, Tynan 5, Elsey 7, *LOWNDES 8, Gwyther 6, Aldridge 6, Bailey 5. Referee: M. Warner (Wednesbury) Match Rating: ***

Friday, Dec. 5 **Division Four**

PORT VALE (0) 2 (Beech 47, Chamberlain, N 58) CREWE (0) 2 (Davies 72, Hunter 88) CREWE (0) 2 (Davies 72, Hunter 88)
Att: 4,154
Port Vale: Cherry 7, Brissett 7, Elsby
6, Beech 6, Bowles 6, Sproson 6,
Farrell 7, Bennett 6,
★CHAMBERLAIN, N 9,
Chamberlain, M 7, Bromage 6.
Crewe: Mulhearn 7, Lewis 6, Bowers
6, Hunter 7, Scott 6, Prophett 6,
★DAVIES 8, Hanlon 6 (sub.
Wilkinson), Coproy 6, Glendon 6. Wilkinson), Conroy 6, Glendon 6, Nelson 6. Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool) Match Rating: ★★★

TRANMERE (1) 2 (Kerr 20, Lumby 71) HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Houchen 24, Hamilton, og 47) Att: 1,366
Tranmere: Johnson 6, Edwards 5,
Mathias 6, Williams 6, Parry 6,
*HAMILTON 8, Craven 5, Mungall 6
(sub. Evans 5), Lumby 6, Kerr, J 6, (Sub. Evans 5), Lumby 6, Kerr, J 6, Griffiths 7.

Hartlepool: Burleigh 7, Sweeney 6, Brown 6, Bird 5, ★LINACRE 8, Hogan 6, Kerr, B 6, Lawrence 6, Norton 5, Houchen 7, Hampton 6.

Referee: M. J. Heath (Stoke) Match Rating: ★★★

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Saturday, Dec. 6 **Division One**

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Stapleton 20) WOLVES (1) 1 (Richards 37) Att: 26,050 Att: 26,050
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Devine 5,
Sansom 6, Talbot 6, Walford 6, Young
7, Hollins 6 (sub. Vaessen),
McDermott 7, *STAPLETON 8,
Gatting 6, Rix 6.
Wolves: Bradshaw 7, Humphrey 6,
Hollifield 6, Daniel 6, Brazier 7,
Humber 7, Hibbits 7, Mitigage 7, Pull

Hughes 7, Hibbitt 7, Atkinson 5, Bell 5, *RICHARDS 8, Eves 6. Referee: C. A. Maskell (Cambridge) Match Rating: ★★★

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Scott, og 72) LEICESTER (2) 2 (Melrose 6, 10) Att: 18,479

Birmingham: Wealands 6, Langan 6, Hawker 6, Curbishley 6 (sub. Lynex 6), Gallagher 7, *TODD 8, Ainscow 6, Bertschin 6, Worthington 7,

6, Bertschin 6, Worthington 7, Gemmill 5, Dillon 6. Leicester: Wallington 7, Williams 7, Gibson 7, Peake 7, Scott 7, O'Neill 6, Hamill 6, *MELROSE 8, Young 6 (sub. Welsh 7), Wilson 6, MacDonald

Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★★

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Robinson 17, Ritchie 65) SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Chisholm 46) Att: 13.903 Brighton: Moseley 6, Gregory 6,

Stevens 5, Horton 6, Foster 6, Lawrenson 7, McNab 7, Ritchie 6, Robinson 7, Smith 5 (sub. Cohen 6), ★O'SULLIVAN 9. Sunderland: Turner 7, Whitworth 7, Bolton 6, Hindmarch 5, Allardyce 5, Elliott 6, Arnott 6, Brown 5 (sub. Rowell 6), Cooke 6, ★CHISHOLM 8, Cummins 7 Referee: M. Taylor (Walmer)

Match Rating: ★★★★

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Johnson 19, Kennedy, R 55) TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Archibald 27) Att: 39,545 Liverpool: Clemence 6, Neal 6, Liverpool: Clemence 6, Neal 6, Kennedy, A 6, Irwin 6, Kennedy, R 5, Hansen 7, Dalglish 8 (sub. Case 6), ★LEE 9, Johnson 7, McDermott 7, Souness 7. Souries 7.

Spurs: Daines 8, McAllister 6,
Hughton 6, ***ROBERTS 9**, Lacy 6,
Perryman 7, Ardiles 7, Archibald 6,
Villa 7, Hoddle 6, Crooks 6. Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Gow 75) IPSWICH (1) 1 (Muhren 12) Att: 35,215 Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 7, Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 7,
McDonald 7, Reid 7, Power 6, Booth
6, Hutchison 6, ★GOW 8, Mackenzie
7, Tueart 6 (sub. Boyer 6), Reeves 7.
Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 7, McCall
6, Thijssen 7, Osman 6, Butcher 6,
Wark 6, Muhren 7, ★MARINER 8,
Brazil 7 (sub. O'Callaghan), Gates 7.
Referee: P. Partridge (Middlesbrough)
Match Rating: ★★★★

NORWICH (0) 2 (Jovanovic, og 58, Fashanu 73)
MANCHESTER UNITED (2) 2 (Bond. MANCHESTER UNITED (2) 2 (Bond, og 10, Coppell 32) Att: 19,228

Norwich: Baker 7, Nightingale 7, Bond 6, Hoadley 7, Powell 6, Barham 7, McGuire 6 (sub. Muzinic 6), Paddon 7, Royle 7, Fashanu 7, ★GOBLE 8.

Man Utd: Bailey 6, Nicholl 6, Lloyanovic 7, Buchan 7, Albiston 7 Man Otto: Balley 6, Nicholi 6, Jovanovic 7, Buchan 7, Albiston 7, ★COPPELL 8, Duxbury 6, Macari 7, McIlroy 7, Jordan 7, Greenhoff 6. Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood) Match Rating: ★★★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 3 (Gray pen 47, Walsh, C 66, Ward 72) CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0 Att: 20,223 Att: 20,223
Nottm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 7, Gray 7, McGovern 7, Lloyd 6, Gunn 6, Mills 6, Bowyer 6 (sub. O'Neill 6), *WARD 8, Wallace 7, Walsh, C 7. Crystal Palace: Barron 6, Hinshelwood 6, Fenwick 6, Nicholas 7, Cannon 6, Gilbert 6, Sealy 7, Francis 7, Walsh, I 6, *ALLEN 8, Hilaire 6 Hilaire 6.
Referee: G. M. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Holmes 44) COVENTRY (0) 0 Att: 18.824 Southampton: Wells 6, Golac 7, McCartney 6, Agboola 6, Waldron 6, Nicholl 7, Wallace 5, Channon 7, Moran 5, ★HOLMES 8, Baker 7. Coventry: Sealey 7, ★THOMAS 7, Roberts 6, Blair 6, Dyson 5, Gillespie 5, Bodak 6, Daly 5, Thompson 6, Hateley 6, Hunt 6. Referee: R. Challis (Tonbridge) Match Rating: ★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 2 (Johnston 84, Shearer 88) ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Shaw 86) Att: 15,597 Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Craggs 8, Bailey 8, Johnston 8, Ashcroft 8, ★NATTRASS 9, Cochrane 8, Proctor 8, Hodgson 8, Shearer 8, Armstrong

Aston Villa: *RIMMER 8. Swain 6. Aston Villa: **HIMMEH 8, Swain Williams 5, Evans 7, McNaught 7, Mortimer 7, Bremner 6, Shaw 7, Geddis 6, Cowans 6, Morley 6. Referee: M. G. Peck (Kendal) Match Rating: ★★★

STOKE (1) 2(Chapman 34, O'Callaghan 66) EVERTON (1) 2 (McBride 11, Varadi Att: 15,650 Att: 15,650
Stoke: Fox 6, Evans 5, Hampton 6,
Dodd 7, O'Callaghan 7, Doyle 6,
Ursem 6 (sub. Griffiths 6), *HEATH
8, Chapman 7, Bracewell 6, Munro 7.
Everton: McDonagh 6, Wright 6,
Bailey 7, Higgins 7, Stanley 6,
O'Keefe 6, McMahon 6, Eastoe 6,
Varadi 7, Hartford 6, *McBRIDE 8.
Referee: T. Farley (Co. Durham)
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WBA (1) 1 (Moses 15) LEEDS (1) 2 (Harris 16, Graham 64)

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Mills), Regis 6, Owen 7, Barnes 5.
Leeds: Lukic 7, Greenhoff 6, Gray 6,
Flynn 7, Hart 6, *CHERRY 8, Harris
7, Hird 6, Connor 6, Sabella 7,
Graham 7.
Referee: G. J. Napthine (Sileby)
Match Rating: **

Division Two

BOLTON (2) 3 (Whatmore 16, Kidd 22, 90)
ORIENT (0) 1 (Taylor, P 76)
Att: 8,228
Bolton: Poole 7, Graham 7,
McElhinny 7, Wilson 8, Jones 7,
Walsh 7, Nicholson 7,
★WHATMORE 9, Hoggan 7, Kidd 7,
Gowling 7.
Orient: Day 6, Fisher 7, Roffey 7,
Taylor, T 6, Gray 6, ★PARSONS 9,
Hughton 7, Moores 6, Jennings 6,
Bowles 8, Taylor, P.7.
Referee: K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★★

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0
WREXHAM (0) 1 (Edwards 66)
Att: 4,862
Bristol Rovers: Thomas 6, Gillies 7,
Bater 6, McCaffery 6, Lee 5,
Emmanuel 5, Williams, S 7,
*WILLIAMS, G 8, Mabbutt 7, Bates 6, Barrett 6.
Wrexham: Davies 7, Jones 7,
Kenworthy 6, Davis 6, Cegielski 7,
Carrodus 6, Fox 7, Sutton 6, Edwards 7, *McNEIL 8, Cartwright 7.
Referee: D. S. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: **

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Taylor 71)
QPR (0) 0
Att: 6,349
Cambridge: Key 7, Donaldson 6,
Murray 6, Smith 6, Fallon 7, Finney 6,
O'Neill 7, Spriggs 7, Reilly 7,
*TAYLOR 8, Christie 6.
QPR: Woods 6, Shanks 6, Gillard 6,
Waddock 6, *WICKS 8, Currie 7,

Prizewinners

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Rovers; 11. Bath; 12. Area; 13. Stan;
14. See 10 ACROSS; 17. Orient; 18.
Feet; 20. Reds; 21. Shaw; 24. Hooped;
25. Dribble; 26. Mill; 27. Charge.
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James: 6. Bannon: 7. Medale; 8. See 5.

Trophies; 5 and 8 DOWN. Leighton James; 6. Bannon; 7. Medals; 8. See 5 DOWN; 15. Open goal; 16. Jim Smith; 17. Onside; 18. Fulham; 19. Leeds; 22. Amber; 23. Pele.

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THE winner of the November Calendar competition is A. R. Houghton of Bromley Cross, Bolton. His caption to the Kevin Keegan and Elton John picture was: "Thanks for the hat, Elton, Laurie said he was after more entertainment."

Roeder 6, King 6, Neal 6, Stainrod 6, Silkman 6.
Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ***

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Kitchen, pen 54)
GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Waters, pen 12)
Att: 6,063
Att: 6,063
Cardiff: Healey 6, Jones 6, Thomas 7,
Hughes 5, Pontin 6, Dwyer 7, Giles 5,
(sub. Lewis 6), Kitchen 7, Stevens 5,
*RONSON 8, Buchanan 5.
Grimsby: Batch 6, Stone 6, Crombie
7, Waters 7, Wigginton 6, Moore 6,
*BROLLY 8, Whymark 5 (sub.
Kilmore 5), Drinkell 6, Mitchell 6,
Ford 7.
Referee: J. M. Warner (Wednesbury)
Match Rating: ***

CHELSEA (0) 0
SWANSEA (0) 0
Att: 20,067
Chelsea: Borota 7, Locke 7, Rofe 7,
Bumstead 7, Droy 7, *CHIVERS 8,
Driver 7, Britton 7, Lee 6, Walker 7,
Rhoades-Brown 7.
Swansea: Stewart 7, Attley 7,
Hadziabdic 7, Mahoney 6, Stevenson 7, *PHILLIPS 8, James, R 7, Waddle 7, James, L 7, Charles 7, Robinson 7.
Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: **

NEWCASTLE v BLACKBURN — Match Postponed

OLDHAM (0) 0
LUTON (0) 0
Att: 4,720
Oldham: Platt 6, Sinclair 6, Blair 6, Keegan 5, ★CLEMENTS 8, Hurst 6, Heaton 6 (sub. Kowenicki 5), Futcher 7, Steel 5, Palmer 6, Hilton 5.
Luton: Findlay 6, Stephens 5 (sub. West 5), Donaghy 6, Grealish 6, Saxby 6, Price 5, ★HILL 8, Stein 6, White 6, Aizlewood 7, Moss 6.
Referee: D. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (0) 0
DERBY (1) 3 (Hector 44,
Swindlehurst 64, Biley 89)
Att: 6,118
Preston: Tunks 7, Westwell 6,
Cameron 5 (sub. Sayer 6), Taylor 7,
Baxter 7, Anderson 6, Bell 6, Doyle 6,
Elliott 6, *BRUCE 8, McGee 7.
Derby: Jones 8, Powell, S 8, Richards
7, Clark 7, McFarland 7, Ramage 7,
Reid 7, Hector 8, *BILEY 9,
Swindlehurst 8, Emson 7.
Referee: P. Tyldesley (Cheshire)
Match Rating: ***

SHREWSBURY (1) 4 (Biggins 39, Tong 54, Atkins 72, Edwards 87)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
Att: 4,435
Shrewsbury: Wardle 7, King 7, Larkin 7, Turner 6 (sub. Edwards 7), Griffin 6. Keay 7, Tong 8, *ATKINS 9, Biggins 7, Petts 7, Cross 7.
Bristol City: Shaw 7, Sweeney 7, Hay 6, Aitken 7, Rodgers 7, Marshall 6, Tainton 6, Fitzpatrick 6, Mabbutt 6, *RITCHIE 8, Whitehead 6 (sub. Garland).
Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ****

WATFORD (2) 2 (Callaghan 31, Jenkins 35)
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
Att: 11,133
Watford: Steele 7, Rice 7, Harrison 7, Blissett 6, Terry 7, Jackett 7, Callaghan 7, Poskett 6, Jenkins 6, ★TRAIN 8, Rostron 7.
Notts County: Avramovic 6, Benjamin 5, O'Brien 5, Kelly 6 (sub. Hooks), ★KILCLINE 7, Richards 5, McCulloch 6, Masson 5, Christie 6, Hunt 6, Harkouk 5.
Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)

Match Rating: ★★★
Sending Off: McCulloch (Notts
County)

WEST HAM (2) 2 (Brooking 38, Holland 40)
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 1 (Mirocevic 33)
Att: 30,476
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Lampard 7, Bonds 7, Martin 6, Devonshire 7, Holland 6, Goddard 7, Cross 7, *BROOKING 8, Pike 7.
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Blackhall 6, Grant 7, Smith 7, Shirtliff 6, Sterland 6, Mirocevic 7, Johnson 6, Leman 7, McCulloch 7, *CURRAN 8.
Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
Match Rating: ***

Division Three

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
EXETER (0) 0
Att: 3,597
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Ashurst 6,
Williams 6, Ball 6, *THOMPSON 9,
McEwan 7, Harrison 7, Hockaday 7,
Entwistle 7, Morris 7, Pashley 7.
Exeter: Bond 7, Rogers 7, Hatch 7,
Forbes 7, *ROBERTS, L 9, Roberts,
P 7, Pearson 8, Rodgers 7, Kellow 7,
Ireland 7, Pullar 7.
Referee: T. L. Morris (Leeds)
Match Rating: ****

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Kruse 14)
SWINDON (0) 1 (Peach 80)
Att: 5,730
Brentford: McKellar 7, Shrubb 7,
Tucker 8, Salman 8, Kruse 7,
*HURLOCK 9, Funnell 7, Harris 5,
Smith 7, Walker 7, Crown 6.
Swindon: Allan 7, Walsh 7, Peach 7,
Kamara 7, *LEWIS 8, Stroud 6,
Miller 6, Carter 7, Rideout 7 (sub.
Greenwood), Mayes 7, Williams 6,
Referee: A. Robinson (Waterlooville)
Match Rating: ***

CARLISLE (2) 4 (Brown 36, Beardsley 44, 48, Staniforth 61)
COLCHESTER (0) 0
Att: 3,196
Carlisle: Harrison 7, Haigh 6, Coady 7, McDonald 6, Campbell 6, Parker 6, Coughlin 7, Metcalfe 6, Brown 7, *BEARDSLEY 8, Staniforth 7.
Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 6, Rowles 6, Leslie 7, Wignall 6, Packer 7, Hodge 6, Foley 5, Bremner 6, *LEE 8, Allinson 6.
Referee: J. Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ***
Sending Off: Foley (Colchester)

CHESTER (0) 1 (Phillips 87)
WALSALL (0) 0
Att: 2,215
Chester: Millington 5, Fear 6, Walker 5, Storton 6, Jeffries 6, Oakes 7, Sutcliffe 7, *PHILLIPS 8, Birch 5, Ludlam 5, Howat 5.
Walsall: Green 7, Macken 6, Mower 5, Serella 7, Baines 6, Hart 6, *WADDINGTON 8, Penn 7, Smith 6, Buckley 6, Paul 5.
Referee: A. Porter (Bolton)
Match Rating: **

CHESTERFIELD (1) 3 (Bonnyman 13, Birch 67, 69)
MILLWALL (0) 0
Att: 5,930
Chesterfield: Turner 7, Tartt 6, Stirk 6, Wilson 8, Green 6, Ridley 7,
★BIRCH 9, Moss 7, Bonnyman 7, Salmons 6, Crawford 6.
Millwall: ★JACKSON 8, Gregory 6, Robinson 6 (sub. McKenna), Roberts 5, Tagg 6, Sitton 6, Kinsella 7, Mehmet 7, Massey 5, Dibble 6, Blyth 5.
Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: ★★★

FULHAM (1) 2 (Davies 40 secs, 82) HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Lillis 63, Stanton 73)
Att: 4,513
Fulham: Peyton 7, Strong 6, Lock 6
Gale 6, Brown, R 6, Hatter 6,
*DAVIES 8, O'Driscoll 6, Peters 7,
Greenaway 6, Goodlass 5.
Huddersfield: Rankin 7, Brown, M 6,
Robinson 6, Stanton 7, Sutton 6,
Hanvey 6, Lillis 7, *KENNEDY 8,
Kindon 7, Robins 6, Cowling 6.
Referee: M. Dimblebee (Stevenage)
Match Rating: ****

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Hales 44)
Att: 8,775
Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 7, Ford 6, ★OVERTON 8, Weatherly 6,
Crabbe 7, Nicholl 7, Bottiglieri 6, Price 6, Westwood 6, White 7.
Charlton: Johns 7, Gritt 7, Madden 6,
Shaw 6, Berry 7, ★TYDEMAN 8,
Powell 7, Walsh 6, Hales 7, Smith 7,
Ambrose 6.
Referee: S. G. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★

HULL (2) 2 (Edwards 25, Roberts, G 43)
READING (0) 0
Att: 3,130
Hull: Norman 5, Hoolickin 6, Croft 7, Roberts, D 6, *NISBET 9, Roberts, G 6, Marwood 7, McClaren 6, Deacy 5, Edwards 7, Whitehurst 6.
Reading: Death 6, Henderson 5, Hicks 5, Hetzke 6, Lewis 5, *BOWMAN 8, Sanchez 7, Williams 7, Earles 6, Kearney 7, Beavon 5 (sub. Webb 6).
Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
Match Rating: ***

OXFORD (0) 0
BURNLEY (1) 2 (Scott 13, Young 47)
Att: 3,305
Oxford: Burton 5, Kingston 5, Fogg 5
(sub. *SMITHERS 7), Jeffrey 5,
Briggs 6, Shotton 5, Brock 5, Cassells
6, Jones 5, Foley 6, Lythgoe 6.
Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 6,
Wharton 7, Scott 6, *OVERSON 8,
Dobson 7, Young 6, Potts 6, Hamilton
6, Taylor 7, Cavener 5.
Referee: K. W. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ***

NEWPORT (0) 0
BARNSLEY (0) 0
Att: 5,537
Newport: Kendall 7, Vaughan 6,
Relish 6, Davies 7, Oakes 7, Tynan 6,
Elsey 6, *LOWNDES 8, Gwyther 7,
Aldridge 6, Moore 7.
Barnsley: *PIERCE 9, Joyce 6,
Chambers 7, Cooper 6, Banks 6,
McCarthy 7, Evans 7, Carter 6, Aylott
6, Lester 6, Downes 7.
Referee: T. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ****

PLYMOUTH (1) 3 (Murphy, pen 42, 88, Kemp 55)
ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Fern 52)
Att: 6,155
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, McNeil 7, Uzzell 5, *HODGES 8, Foster 6, Phillipson-Masters 7, Cooper 6, Kemp 7, Sims 6, Bason 6, Murphy 5.
Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrest 7, Breckin 5, *RHODES 8, Stancliffe 6, Mullen 6, Fern 7, Gooding 6, Moore 5, Carr 5, Henson 7.
Referee: L. Burden (Wimborne)
Match Rating: **

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Trusson 48)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
Att: 12,158
Sheff Utd: Richardson 7, Ryan 7,
*GARNER 8, Kenworthy 7, McPhail
7, Trusson 7, Jones 6, Nelville 6,

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Charles 5, Hatton 7, Butlin 7.
Portsmouth: ★MELLOR 8, Ellis 6,
Viney 7, Doyle 7, Aizlewood 7, Davey
6, Hemmerman 5 (sub. Barnard), Tait
6, Perrin 6, Bryant 7, Rogers 7.
Referee: J. B. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Robinson 23, Sanford 58)
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Burton 90)
Att: 2,335
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Edwards 6, Wooler 4, Briley 7, Youlden 6, Jopling 6, Tomlin 5, *SANFORD 8, Garwood 7, Crosby 5, Robinson 7.
Halifax: Kilner 6, *O'NEILL 7, Burton 6, Evans 6, Goodman 5, Whiteley 5, Firth 4, Graham 5, McIlwraith 5, Dunleavy 5, Stafford 6 (sub. Bullock 6).
Referee: H. King (Merthyr Tydfil)
Match Rating: ***

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Spackman 5)
DONCASTER (1) 2 (Swan 16,
Nimmo 89)
Att: 2,495
Bournemouth: Allen 6, Cunningham
7, Moore 6, Impey 7, Compton 6,
Heffernan 6, *SPACKMAN 8,
Evanson 6 (sub. McGrath 6), Morgan
6, Massey 6, Ferns 6.
Doncaster: Boyd 7, Russell 6, Lally 7
(sub. Mell), *SNODIN, I 8, Swan 6,
Dowd 7, Pugh 6, Nimmo 7, Warboys
6, Snodin, G 7, Little 7.
Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ***

BRADFORD (0) 1 (Doland 49)
YORK (0) 1 (Watson, og 46)
Att: 3,688
Bradford: Smith, S 7, Thompson 7,
Watson 6, Ingham 7, *JACKSON 8,
Wood 7, Chapman 6, McNiven 6 (sub.
Black), Campbell 6, Dolan 7, Hutchins 6.
York: Blackburn 7, Hood 7, Kay 7,
McGhie 6 (sub. Smith, M 6),
Clements 6, Craig 6, Ford 7,
*BYRNE 8, Eccles 6, McDonald 7,
Walsh 7.
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ***

LINCOLN (2) 2 (Turner 22, Neale 39) BURY (1) 1 (Carr, og 16) Att: 3,545 Lincoln: Felgate 6, Thompson, T 6, Keeley 7, Thompson, S 6, Peake 5, Carr 5, Neale 7, *TURNER 8, Hobson 6, Cunningham 7, Shipley 6. Bury: Southall 6, Phillips 6, Kennedy 5, Gore 6, Hilton 7, Howard 7, *MULLEN 8, Butter 7, Johnson 7, Jakub 7, Farley 6. Referee: H. Taylor (Leicester) Match Rating: ***

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Allen 45) STOCKPORT (0) 0
Att: 2,873
Mansfield: Arnold 5, McJannet 5, Foster 6, Hamilton 7, McClelland 6, Bird 6, Allen 6, Mann 6, Caldwell 5, *PARKINSON 8, Thomson 6.
Stockport: Lawson 6, Rutter 6, Thorpe 5, Fowler 6, Sword 7, Uzelac 5, Williams 5 (sub. Mountford 5), Sunley 5, *BRADD 8, Galvin 6, Coyle 5.
Referee: D. W. Civil (Birmingham) Match Rating: ***

PETERBOROUGH (0) 3 (Cooke 52, Robson 67, 74)
HEREFORD (0) 0
Att: 3,281
Peterborough: Waugh 6, McVay 6, Phillips 5, Gynn 5, Slack 6, Slough 7, Quow 6, Kellock 7, Cooke 6, Hodgson 6, ★ROBSON 8.

Hereford: Brand 6, Price 5, Thomas 6, Hicks 5, Cornes 6, Spiring 7, ★LAIDLAW 8, Showers 7, White 6 (sub. Hunt), Jones 7, Bartley 6. Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester) Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE (0) 0
SOUTHEND (0) 2 (Mercer 47,
Spence 82)
Att: 2,214
Rochdale: Crawford 6, Weir 7,
Snookes 7, Seal 6, Burke 6, Higgins 6, Esser 6, O'Loughlin 6, Hilditch 5,
Wellings 5 (sub. Jones 6),
*MARTINEZ 8.
Southend: Cawston 6, Stead 6, Yates
5, Hadley 6, Walker 7, Cusack 6, Gray
6, Pountney 6, *SPENCE 8, Mercer
7, Otulakowski 6.
Referee: B. Martin (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ***

TORQUAY (1) 3 (Bowker 27, Fell, pen 65, Cooper 68)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 3 (Bowen 67, 88, Williams 87)
Att: 2,065
Torquay: O'Keefe 7, Jones 5, Pethard 6, Coffill 7, *BOURNE 8, Rioch 7, Fell 6, Bowker 6, Cooper 6, Twitchin 6, Weston 5.
Northampton: Poole 6, Williams 6, Sandercock 6, *WALDOCK 7, Gage 6, Sandy 5, Bowen 6, Carlton 6, Phillips 6, Denyer 6, Healey 5.
Referee: B. Newsome (Broseley)
Match Rating: ****

WIGAN (0) 1 (McMullan, pen 46)
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Partridge, pen 43)
Att: 3,672
Wigan: Brown 7, Fretwell 6, Methven 6, Cribley 5, McAdam 6, Urquhart, G 5, McMullan 6, Corrigan 6, Quinn 6, Houghton 7, ★HUTCHINSON 8.
Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Davy 6, Boxall 7, Oates 6, Jarvis 6, ★GRIMES 9, Stewart 6, Partridge 6, Cammack 7, Green 8, O'Berg 7 (sub. Pugh 6).
Referee: L. M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Joseph 79)
DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Hawker 31)
Att: 1,811
Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Brown 6,
Jones 6, Galliers 7, Smith, M 7,
Cunningham 7, Ketteridge 6 (sub.
Joseph 7), Denny 6, *LESLIE 8, Cork
6, Hubbick 7.
Darlington: Cuff 7, Kamara 7, Wilson
7, Smith, K 6, Skipper 7, *SPEEDIE
8, Hawker 7, McLean 7, Stalker 6
(sub. Ball 6), Hamilton 6, Walsh 7.
Referee: J. C. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ***

SCOTTISH League Cup Final

DUNDEE (0) 0
DUNDEE UNITED (1) 3 (Dodds 45,
Sturrock 61, 84)
Att: 24, 456
Dundee: Geddes, D 7, Barr 7,
Schaedler 6, Fraser 7, *GLENNIE 8,
McGheachie 7 (sub. Scrimgour 6),
Mackie 6, Stephen 6, Sinclair 6,
Williamson 6 (sub. Shirra 7), Geddes,
A 6.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Holt 8,
Kopel 7, Phillip 7, Hegarty 8, Narey 8,
Bannon 7, Payne 8, Pettigrew 7,
*STURROCK 9, Dodds 7.
Referee: R. Valentine (Dundee)
Match Rating: ***

Premier Division

AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Clark, pen 61)
ST MIRREN (2) 2 (Stark 23,
McCormack 28)
Att: 5,000
Airdrie: Martin 7, Erwin 7, Rodger 7,
Anderson, G 6, Anderson, N 6,
McKeown 7, *MAGUIRE 8, Walker
7, Clark 7, Gordon 6, McCluskey 6.
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Beckett 6,
Abercrombie 7, Richardson 7,
Copland 6, Stark 7, McCormack 6,
Bone 7, Somner 7, McDougall 7,
*WEIR 8.
Referee: L. Thow (Ayr)
Match Rating: ***

O'Brien 59)
KILMARNOCK (0) O
Att: 5,183
Hearts: Brough 7, More 6, Shields 7,
Denny 6, McVie 7, Masterton 6 (sub.
Hammill 6), *MacDONALD 8,
Robinson 7, Gibson 7, Conn 6,
O'Brien 7.
Kilmarnock: Wilson 6, McLean 6,
Cockburn 6, Clarke 7, McDicken 7,
Clark 6 (sub. Black 6), *MAUCHLEN
8, Maxwell 6, Bourke 6, McBride 6,
Cairney 5 (sub. Houston 6).
Referee: W. McLeish (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ***

HEARTS (0) 2 (MacDonald 57,

MORTON (0) 1 (Rooney 86)
ABERDEEN (0) 0
Att: 5,000
Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 7, Holmes 6, McLaughlin 7, Orr 6, Rooney 7,
★BUSBY 8, McNeil 6 (sub. Ritchie)
Thomson 7, Cochrane 7, Tolmie 7.
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 6,
Considine 6, Watson 7, McLeish 7,
Miller 7, ★STRACHAN 8, Hewitt 6
(sub. McCall), Jarvie 6 (sub. Angus),
McGhee 7, Scanlon 6.
Referee: H. Alexander (Irvine)
Match Rating: ★★★

PARTICK (0) 0
CELTIC (0) 1 (McCluskey 84)
Att: 12,436
Partick: Rough 7, Doyle 7, Whittaker 6, Anderson 7, Campbell 7, Watson 6, Lapsley 6, Park 6, Clark 6, *JARDINE 8, O'Hara 7.
Celtic: Bonnar 7, Sneddon 7, Reid 6, Aitken 6, McAdam 7, MacDonald 6, Sullivan 6 (sub. Provan 6), Weir 7, McGarvey 7, Burns 7, *McCLUSKEY 8.
Referee: D. McGinley (Balfron)
Match Rating: ***

Division One

BERWICK (0) 0 CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Evans 63) Att: 550

DUMBARTON (1) 2 (Clougherty 25, Gallagher 78) STIRLING ALBION (0) 0 Att: 400

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0 HAMILTON (0) 1 (Wright 60)
Att: 1.650

FALKIRK (0) 0 HIBERNIAN (1) 2 (MacLeod 39, Rae 54) Att: 3,400

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Cleland 79) EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Lamont 32) Att: 2,000

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 (McCoist 77) **AYR (0) 0** Att: 1,792



Division Two

ALBION (0) 1 (Campbell 82) STRANRAER (1) 3 (Gibb 33, Brown 62, Hay, pen 75) Att: 700

BRECHIN (0) 1 (Graham 88) ALLOA (0) 1 (McNab 75) Att: 890

CLYDE (0) 2 (Ahern, pen 55, Kean 88) COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Liddle 26, 60) Att: 1,000

EAST FIFE (0) 2 (Burt 72, 86) ARBROATH (0) 1 (McKenzie 89) Att: 720

FORFAR (2) 2 (Clark 31, Johnson 42) STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1 (Williams 17) Att: 640

MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (McCallan 60) QUEENS PARK (1) 1 (McCoy 43) Att: 560

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1 (Robertson 62) MONTROSE (2) 5 (Wright 27, Murray 32, 57, 72, Clark, og 65) Att: 650

Leading Scorers

(Including League, League Cup and FA Cup)

FIRST DIVISION

15 — Fashanu (Norwich)

14 — Shaw (Aston Villa)

13 — Dalqlish (Liverpool)

13 — Dalglish (Liverpool), Archibald (Spurs) 11 — Worthington (Birmingham), Wark (Ipswich),

Crooks (Spurs)
10 — Robinson (Brighton),
Eastoe (Everton), Tueart (Man.
City).

9 — Stapleton (Arsenal), Latchford (Everton), Johnson McDermott (Liverpool), Birtles (Man Utd, all for Forest), Johnston (Middlesbrough), Wallace (Forest), Chapman (Stoke), Regis (WBA).

MATCH WEEKLY

Greaves was my hero

WHILE Justin Fashanu and Gary Shaw were making a name for themselves in the First Division last season their England Youth team-mate Brian McDermott was losing patience in Arsenal's reserves.

"It was really frustrating watching the lads I had played alongside in the 1979 International Youth Tournament in Austria doing so well.

"I was reading about them in the papers and it made me wonder whether I would get a first team chance.

"I was so worried about my future I had a chat with our coach Don Howe.

"But he told me to be patient and that my chance would come — now I know he was right," said Brian.

The 19-year-old was catapulted into the public eye this season when he scored on

his debut against Brighton, and was on target a couple of games later in the top of the table clash against Everton.

"The First Division is much quicker and more physical than the reserves," added Brian.

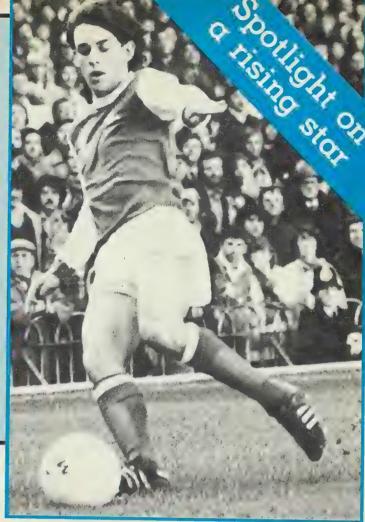
"Defenders are more canny and do not lunge into a tackle straight away."

London lad Brian joined
Arsenal straight from school
after a short spell with Queens
Park Rangers, but he admits that
when he was younger he
followed the Gunners' arch rivals

. . . Tottenham Hotspur!

"Jimmy Greaves was my hero
— I used to love watching him on
the television.

"I also admire Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish because he is the nearest the First Division has got to the great Greaves. I can't wait to play against Kenny."



BRIAN MOTT MCDERMOTT

The new Supermac — that's what they're calling Arsenal's teenage striker.

I couldn't believe I'd scored ARSENAL'S exciting striker Briam McDermott was



IT'S THERE! Brian McDermott (centre) watches as his shot goes past Everton keeper Jim McDonagh. The despairing defender is John Bailey.

ARSENAL'S exciting striker Brian McDermott was an instant hit with the Highbury fans.

For during the match against Norwich Brian was brought on with just 10 minutes to go as the Gunners were being held 1-1.

He thrilled the crowd with a great goal and then set up the third for £lm left back Kenny Sansom.

Manager Terry Neill rewarded him with his first full game for the Gunners and Brian replied with a goal in their 2-0 win over Brighton. "The goals have really helped my confidence. I

"The goals have really helped my confidence. I have got off to a better start than I could have dreamt for," said Brian.

But it is the goal Brian scored against Everton in the top of the table clash at Highbury that sticks out in his memory.

"John Hollins, who must have the hardest shot at the club, picked up the ball about 30 years out and just whacked it," recalls Brian.

"It cannoned off goalkeeper Jim McDonagh and skidded towards me. I just hit the rebound into the net to put us one goal ahead.

"I didn't believe it had really gone in until Frank Stapleton came over to congratulate me — it was a great feeling."





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THE VOLLEY PASS

THE DUTCH have a world wide reputation as master passers and Ipswich Town's international Frans Thijssen is respected as one of the best.

To complete his session at the Match Weekly Soccer School. Frans reveals some interesting tips on the volley pass.

ONE of the first things I learned coming into English football was the difference in speed — in Holland the build up is much slower because everything is channelled through midfield.

When Arnold Muhren and I started in England we watched as most passes went over our heads because of the hurry to get the ball forward. The pattern has changed now to

The pattern has changed now to more of a Dutch style, but it is still important to be able to play the ball quickly. And the sidefoot volley is often used as a one touch ball when it is not easy to control the ball and lose your marker.

Balance and timing are important as the ball can come to you at an awkward height. Watch it carefully and strike it crisply like a volley in tennis.

As for the volley pass from a straight approach (left) it is good for finding space over and behind defenders when played early and has the advantage of being handy over long or short distances.

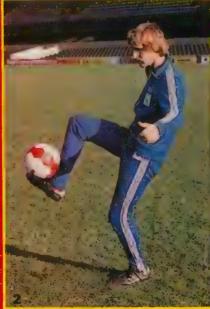
It is difficult to control this type of pass but you can practise by volleying to a friend 20 yards away who waits for it to bounce then volleys it back. When you are accurate with BOTH feet extend the gap between you. Good luck.



2...and is perfectly balanced to play the ball away first time

3. . . punched away like a volley in tennis, says Frans.







Don't barrack our top bosses

I WAS annoyed to read criticism in Match Weekly recently of our top managers Brian Clough, John

Many people are calling them boring because they are always on the television or in the newspapers. People forget that they know all there is to know about the game.

If they were listened to, instead of being barracked all the time, I think that British football could be world class again and clubs would not be in the financial

Dominic Randall, Lowry Hill, Carlisle, Cumbria.



forest lack francis

Ritchie could be devastating

I DISAGREE with the recent letter in Match Weekly which said Manchester United were wrong to sell Andy Ritchie and buy Garry Birtles.

I think Andy will show his true ability under Brighton manager Alan Mullery and look forward to him striking up a devastating partnership that will see the Seagulls back on course for honours.

By the way, I am NOT a Brighton sup-

lan Saunders, Harpenden, Herts.

I AM very concerned about the form of my team, Nottingham Forest, following their recent defeats by Birmingham, Spurs and lpswich.

I hope for their sake that Trevor Francis has fully recovered from his long injury because they desperately need a world class player of his ablity.

Ever since his injury I believe Forest have lacked firepower and sharpness up front.

If they are to pose a serious threat to the First Division title race they need him back in action soon.

T. Hussain, Blackburn, Lancs



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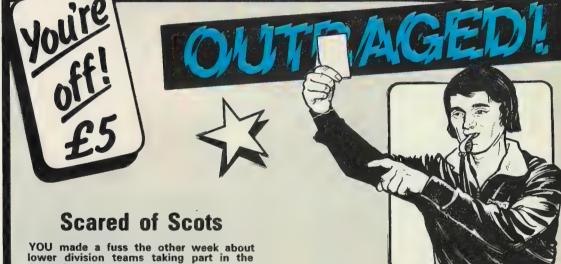


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lower division teams taking part in the Anglo-Scottish Cup and knocking out Air-drie, Rangers and Kilmarnock.

The reason for these results was that because the English dare not field their best sides the quality Scottish teams treated the matches like training sessions.

As for the claims that only one or two Premier Division sides would hold their own in the English league, I think very few teams south of the border are good enough to survive up here.

Gary Hendry (15), Aberchirder by Huntly, Aberdeenshire.

 OH NO! I just don't believe this silly letter. Anyway you get the red card because you can't see further than your nose.

When will Scots accept the FACTS. Even

Manchester United's Lou Macari admits that the standard of football is much higher here that's why he went to United.

I'M Anthony Hawkswell and I'm in charge of the Outraged column.

I'll stand no nonsense . . . any back chat and you could get sent

I'll be giving the red card to what I judge to be the letter of the week. And yellow cards to any others published.

And to make it more interesting I'll pay £5 for the red card and £2 for each yellow card. But be warned — I'm the ref and my decisions stand!

Send your letters to Outraged, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.



riease don t sell Bilev

AS A Derby County supporter I appeal to the board of directors not to sell our star striker Alan Biley.

In the not-too-distant past the 'Rams' have lost the likes of David Langan (to Birmingham), Gerry Daly (to Coventry) and Charlie George (to Southampton).

Surely we are not so desperate that we have to sell our star players.

If he was to leave it would take someone very special to replace him. Phil Gerrish, Long Eaton, Notts.



Trevor Francis has been sadly missed by Nottingham Forest says T. Hussain of

what you're made of, Kevin

I THINK that Southampton's signing of England captain Kevin Keegan has been a complete failure.

Since returning from SV Hamburg he has not played in any of England's World Cup qualifiers because of injury. He is finding life in the First Division very

hard.

To my reckoning he has made no real difference to the Southampton side and they look set for another mediocre season.

People expected miracles of Kevin and 1 don't blame them.

So come on Kevin — show us what you're

made of! Jimmy Theobalds, Upton Lea, Slough, Berks.

What do you think of Kevin's return to England? Drop us a line with your views.

Mills' moment of misery

HOW appropriate that we saw on television how Mick Mills' captain's armband fell off after England's second goal against the Swiss at Wembley.

England's concentration broke as well but I believe manager Ron Greenwood must pick a team that can last the full 90 minutes.

I have no doubt that we will go to Spain but Ron must make sure England play consistently throughout the match.

He should also pick a good team . . . and stick to it! Ali Jarache, Oakley Green, Windsor, Berks.

Top marks ior Macari

I AM very surprised that you did not include Manchester United's Lou Macari in your recent 'Kings of the Air' feature.

saw his flying headed goal against Leicester and would rate him (out of ten): power 10; ability to jump 10; direction 10.

Lou is only small but he manages to find the spring to compete with the biggest defenders in the First Division.

If Match 'Soccer School' wants some tips on heading — ask Lou! Adam Pernak (10), Bolton-le-Sands, Carnforth, Lancs.



Manchester United's Lou Macari is a 'King of the Air', says Adam Pernak of Carnforth.

Pity poor Barron

I FEEL very sorry for Crystal Palace goalkeeper Paul

He has been playing superbly but the London side are still deep in trouble at the bottom of the First

In their recent 1-0 defeat at Stoke I felt Paul played a blinder and the goal he conceded was a mistake by his defence.

Martyn Bowman, Langstone, Gwent.

YOU'RE BOOKED. Paul doesn't need sympathy he and the team need points to stay in the First Division.

Sick of City

I AM SICK of Jock Wallace and Leicester City. At the beginning of the season Jock was boasting about how Leicester were going to take the League Championship from Liverpool. Look where

they are now! I knew at the start of the season that they weren't good enough.

Their 2-0 win over Liverpool at Filbert Street was

a fluke.

My team Ipswich did the double over them and I am disgusted that we should have such 'cranky' teams in the First Division.

Ashley Miller (11), Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

I AGREE with every word but I feel I must book you for ungentlemanly conduct.

MOVE OVER!

I AM outraged with the bias you show against Spurs.

You're

You criticised the amount of goals they conceded but forgot to mention they are one of the most exciting teams in the league.

in my opinion you don't know what you are talking about and you should get the red card and let me take over your silly column.

Lee Venables, Harlow, Essex. ANOTHER Tottenham moaner! You're in the book for dissent. Why is it that Spurs fans can't take a bit of

Anyway with a name like Venables shouldn't you be supporting QPR?





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A DEFENDER'S

Devoning the straight of the s

NIGHTMARE

That's Devon destroyer David Kemp

A DEFENDER'S nightmare — that's David Kemp, the Plymouth Argyle hot-shot.

The tribute comes from the Third Division side's skipper George Foster who told Match: "I'd hate to play against David — he's a natural goalscorer."

David, Plymouth's leading scorer with 15 goals last season, has already overtaken that score this term and is chasing his

Devon comrade Tony Kellow of Exeter for the League's leading scorer title.

"David has the kind of qualities that just can't be coached into a player. I am really surprised that he has remained in the lower divisions throughout his career," said George.

David's consistency earned him a place in Match Weekly's recent 'Dynamic Dozen' feature which listed the top twelve scorers in the League today.

His record with Crystal Palace, Portsmouth, Carlisle and now Plymouth showed an amazing 93 goals from 202

And this season he is in sparkling form again after missing four months of the last campaign through injury.

"I am really feeling sharp this season. The summer break cleared up all my injury worries and I think my goals have proved that," said David.

"Scoring goals is something I have always been able to do; but I still work hard on that aspect of my game.

"Plymouth play with two wide men— Brian Bason and Donal Murphy—and they create a lot of chances. I'm there to finish them off."

David still has ambitions to play in the First Division.

"When I was at Portsmouth three or four clubs made offers for me.

"If a big club came in I would obviously love the challenge. I am still very ambitious."

David had plans to become a PE teacher after being rejected by Chelsea but after a spell with non-league Slough he was offered terms by Palace.



Inset: PLYMOUTH skipper George Foster, who describes are striker David Kemp as a defender's nightmare. Above: DAVID KEMP of Plymouth connects with a cross during a game against Barnsley.

I AM 15-years-old, support Manchester United, and like mod music, tennis, golf and ice skating. I would like a pen pal with similar interests.

Stephen Helliwell, 88 Orchard Road, Lytham St Annes, Lancs.

I enjoy collecting football facts and figures from all over the world and would like a Match Weekly reader to help me keep up to date with the English scene. Pavlik Anatoliy Mihailovich, Lermontova Str 23, Flat 93, 330005 Zaporozhye 5, USSR.

I support Birmingham City and Spurs but I don't mind who my penfriend supports — my other

Pen Pals

interests are cricket, golf and motor racing. Richard Hollins (11), 1 Creynolds Close, Cheswick Green, Solihull, West Midlands.

I AM 17-years-old and go to most Crystal Palace games. I would like a pen pal who lives near me so we could go to matches together. My other interests are music and horse racing. Clare Conrad-Angel, 55A High Street, Chislehurst, Kent.

1 WOULD like a penfriend who supports my favourite team, Manchester United. Yvonne Matthews (14), 147 Scot-Hay Road, Alsagers Bank, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

I WOULD like a pen pal of my own age. My favourite team is Wigan Äthletic. Roger Middlehurst (11), 398C Ormskirk Road, Pemberton, Wigan, WN5 9DD. IF YOU want a pen pal just write to: Pen Pals, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgatu, Petrborough, Cambs.



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TOMMY CHADWICK

of Stockport, Cheshire . . . WHAT's it like to play in a derby match and what do you remember of your goal against Liverpool this season?

WELL Tommy, a 'derby' is a really exciting and nerve-wracking experience.

The two matches I played in have both been at Goodison Park and the atmosphere has been really great in both — the noise is incredible.

It affects every player and I know Mick Lyons is really uptight for about a week before the match. What a moment it was for me when I scored our goal this season in our 1-1 draw.

Asa Hartford headed the ball to me, I took it on my chest and Liverpool captain Phil Thompson brought me down in the penalty area. The referee played advantage and I managed to get up on one knee and knock the ball into the net.

JUE WEBRIUE

EVERTON

MALCOLM DYSON

of Formby, Lancs . . .

WHAT are your hopes and ambitions in the game? I WOULD love to play for Scotland in the World Cup Finals in Spain. I have played for my country at every other level and I'd love to play in the World's biggest tournament.

This season I played for Scotland Under 21 against Sweden at Aberdeen and I would love to follow it up with a full Scottish cap.

At the moment I am concentrating on staying in the first team but I would love to win a cup with Everton. After last season we're all determined to do well this year.

MARK TOWERS

WHAT has been the highspot -

of Walsall, Staffs . . .

and biggest disappointment — of your career so far?
THE HIGH-SPOT has to be making my debut against Bolton Wanderers on Boxing Day last year and scoring. I remember John Gidman took a corner and the ball dropped between the defenders and the then Bolton 'keeper Jim McDonagh. I nipped in to head the ball into the net — I think it's the only header I have scored in the First Division.

The biggest disappointment has to be going out of the FA Cup to West Ham in the semi-final replay. It was a double blow for me because I did not play in either game.

ROGER BIRCH

of Halifax, West Yorkshire . . .

I KNOW that your father played for Celtic when they became the first British club to win the European Cup in 1966-67. What influence did he have on your career? BEING a top footballer my Dad was obviously able to give me a lot of advice — but he never pushed me into football.

I was very lucky because I got an opportunity to see things other kids couldn't and many of the players popped into our house.

Dad let me make up my mind which club I joined — I had offers from Manchester United, Arsenal and Everton but plumped for Everton because they made me feel at home most.

My Dad was a forward like me. He was much stockier but he reckons I'm more skilful. I wish I could score as regularly as he did.

Next week in MATCH WEEKLY



Kenny Sanson

What BIG
MAL means
to me

PHILIP KAYE

of Wirral, Merseyside . . WHY has there been such a difference in Everton's form this season?

MANY people have asked me this one, Philip. I think we are a lot more confident than we were last season — we have basically the same team. We are playing some really good football.

Early in the season we won 5-0 two weeks on the trot and this gave us a tremendous boost.

We have also worked hard on our attacking and are beginning to stick the ball away with regularity.

IF YOU would like to ask your favourite player a question just send it to: Tackle a Star, Match Send it to: Tackle a Star, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.

Players who will be answering your questions soon in Tackle a Star are: David Armstrong (Middlesbrough), Garth Crooks (Spurs) and Phil Boyer (Manchester City)

Don't forget that we will pay £2 for every question published.

RIGHT: Young Everton winger Joe McBride.

ANDREW STAPLETON

of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear . . DO YOU have any superstitions and what are your hobbies and interests outside the game? I AM not really a superstitious person, Andrew, but I do like to go out behind the number nine. For most of the season that has been Bob Latchford but while he was injured I followed out Eamon O'Keefe

As for hobbies I really enjoy golf, usually with Steve McMahon and John Gidman. I like listening to music, particularly Rod Stewart -I'm looking forward to going to one of his concerts in Manchester later this month



PROGRAMME GUIDE



Barnardo's Bonanza



Derby County

DERBY COUNTY pride themselves on producing the first ever newspaper programme.

It was back in August 1971 when they introduced 'The Ram'. Last season they reverted back to the more conventional programme but brought back the old style after just nine issues because they claimed the fans liked it hetter.

These style programmes are not favoured by the collector because they tend to get very tatty with age.

It's also difficult to read on the terraces because you need so much room - not a problem at Derby obviously! For your 30p you get 16 information-packed pages full of news and views from the club.

We looked at the issue for the recent home game against Shrewsbury and the content was certainly impressive.

One criticism with many programmes is that there aren't enough features on the players — this was not so in the Derby offering.

There was no colour in the programme at all and on the picture side it was a little dull - the only pics were on a centre page spread with action from Derby's last two matches.

The Ram's statistic page was thorough and filled with many interesting facts and figures on the players.

The team-sheet was also informative with helpful pen portraits of each player taking part in the match.

Star rating guide:

**** Superb

* * * Satisfactory

* * Poor

The Ram ratings: Content: ★★★★; Pictures: ★★★; Colour (not applicable); Club info: ★★★★; Entertainment: ★★★★; Value for money: ★★★★.

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